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Mrs. Didden.

Mrs. Mott Harrison.

Mrs. Thompson.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF—1947

Medical Officer of Health and Medical Superintendent of the Borough Sanatorium :

N. E. Chadwick, M.A., M.D., D.P.H.

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Sanitary Inspectors :

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W. F. Bodle, Cert. S.I.B., and Meat Inspection Cert.
F. Dransfield, Cert S.I.B., and Meat Inspection Cert.

Divisional School Medical Officer :

N. E. Chadwick, M.A., M.D., D.P.H.

Chief Clerk :

H. F. Rickett.

School Ophthalmic Surgeon :

D. G. S. MacPherson, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O. (Queen's University, Belfast—1924).

School Dental Surgeon :

P. Ealand, L.D.S., R.C.S.

Health Visitors (Whole-time) :

Miss E. M. Kirkhope, S.R.N., Cert. H.V., R.S.I., and S.C.M.
Miss I. Perrin, S.R.N., Cert. H.V., R.S.I., and S.C.M.
Miss S. P. Manser, S.R.N., Cert. H.V., R.S.I., and S.C.M. (1*st part*).
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Borough Isolation Hospital :

Matron : Miss A. G. Wilson, S.R.N.

Public Analyst :

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BOROUGH OF HOVE

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR 1947

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Hove.

YOUR WORSHIP, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1947, a year of anticipation rather than of achievement and because of my preoccupation with the changes and transfers due to take place on " the appointed day" for the National Health Act, 1946, *i.e.*, July 5th, 1948, I have found it necessary to curtail my comments upon and explanations of the events of the previous year.

The general health of the population remained very much at the same level as previously, with the controversy as to the nutritional state of the nation still undecided. The experts did, however, express concern at the effect of potato and bread rationing in diminishing the calorie reserve and felt some misgivings about the nutrition of the adolescents. Meanwhile, the long delayed publication of the Ministry of Health's sample surveys of the amount and value of food actually consumed in the home is more eagerly awaited than ever.

Vital Statistics.

The Birth Rate showed a rise from 14.67 to 15.25 and the Death Rate remained approximately the same at 17.61. It was hardly to be anticipated that it would be possible to repeat the low Infant Mortality Rate of 28.3 achieved in 1946, and in 1947 this rose to 48.9, slightly in excess of the figure for the country as a whole (41). The Illegitimate Rate similarly rose from 30.93 to 94.6. The increase in both instances was largely due to the increased incidence of respiratory and intestinal infections in small babies particularly among hospital admissions. On the other hand the Neo-Natal Mortality Rate fell to 23.45 and for the second year in succession there were no Maternal Deaths, no Deaths from Measles and only 1 from Whooping Cough.

Child Welfare Services.

The Welfare Centres maintained their high level of attendances, 2,500 individual children being on the books at the two Centres, and the Health Visitors paid some 8,500 visits to mothers and children in their own homes. The supervision of foster mothers and children forms an important part of their duties and 200 visits throughout the year were made.

Despite difficulties in staffing, the Day Nursery was practically always full to capacity, the daily attendances exceeding those of 1946 by 4,000.

Maternity Services.

The arrangements were continued for hospital admissions in accordance with medical or social needs and 383 mothers were received into the Maternity Wards of Southlands Hospital, as well as 222 to the Portland Road and Buckingham Road branches of the Sussex Maternity Hospital. On another aspect of the same service, 11 patients, all married women, received contraceptive advice strictly on medical grounds.

The three Home and Domestic Helps rendered much valuable assistance in the case of domiciliary confinements and attended 59 cases, besides 29 others due to illness or other emergency. It was unfortunately still not possible for them to devote much of their time to the care of old people and chronic illnesses.

Infectious Diseases.

1947 was a Measles year and the total number of cases notified was 251 and this was a long way short of the total incidence. Fortunately, the disease was mild and there were no deaths. The country-wide epidemic of Anterior Poliomyelitis affected Hove only slightly numerically, but of the 5 definite cases 1 died and 2 others will not make a complete recovery.

Diphtheria Immunisation was continued on the same lines as in previous years, the necessary facilities being provided at all the Infant Welfare Centres, the Schools and a special clinic held monthly on Saturday mornings. During the special campaign of 1942-4 most of the children in the Borough received the initial series of injections and our aim now is to ensure that the under 1's are immunised and the resistance of the older age groups maintained by "boosting" doses. The National Health Act, 1946, provides for the grouping of Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination together on a voluntary basis and under the new organisation with an adequate staff it is hoped to follow up defaulters and missed cases to a greater degree than has hitherto been found possible.

Hove Sanatorium.

The admissions to the Sanatorium reflect the light incidence generally of the major infections, but the variety of diseases accepted made very severe demands on the much depleted nursing staff. The Report of the Working Party on Nursing provides no more fruitful immediate solution for the nursing problem than any of its predecessors and its

proposals for a greater concentration on the student as opposed to the working life of the nurse in training involves the stepping up of the domestic staff to a height which those of us who have had practical experience find a little unrealistic. In the meanwhile, the problem, especially among the smaller and the special hospitals, is urgent, and as my contribution to the short term policy I would recommend the Regional Hospital Boards to survey the distribution of nursing staff in their own areas and devise some system of equalisation, possibly by a pooling system among the hospitals under their control. Direction is as unpopular with nurses as with doctors, but perhaps something might be done by special inducements of a financial nature to those willing to serve in the less popular type of hospital. This is admittedly possible under the terms of the Rushcliffe Report but has not found much favour, perhaps because of the danger of reversion o the old system of "cut throat" competition.

National Health Act, 1946.

This Act as mentioned in last year's Report came on the Statute Book in November, 1946, the appointed day being fixed for July 5th, 1948. Although no direct delegation of powers was allowed to Non-County Boroughs as such, provision was made for the appointment of area committees to whom the day to day running of the services under Part III could be granted. The County Council agreed after discussions to the setting up of a Sub-Committee composed of representatives of Hove and Portslade to administer on their behalf the services in that area and a good deal of detailed work has already been carried out in preparation for the changeover. The Act with its division into the 3 bodies, Regional Hospital Boards, Executive Councils for the Domiciliary Medical Service and the Local Health Authorities, is a cumbersome contrivance for providing a National Health Service and as might have been anticipated, the new bodies are not yet ready to assume responsibility for the services transferred to them, so that present Authorities will, therefore, have to continue on an agency basis. It is evident that a great deal of shaking down will be required before the new arrangements work with any degree of smoothness and the general public will, therefore, have to be both very patient and very tolerant for some time to come.

Work of the Sanitary Department.

As in previous years the Sanitary Inspectors in their task of repairing the omissions of the war period were hampered by both a lack of materials and of labour, but nevertheless were successful in improving the living conditions of a large number of the inhabitants in the poorer sections of the town. They also devoted considerable attention to the hygienic handling and preparation of food and to the inspection of shops where it was displayed for sale.

The enforcement of the Heat Treatment Regulations for Ice Cream was left in the hands of the Chief Inspector who was able to impose usually with consent a uniform standard of accommodation and facilities among those engaged both in manufacture and retail selling of this article. One of the difficulties in these and other similar regulations is the varying interpretation placed upon some of the rather obscurely worded clauses by different Local Authorities.

Samples were taken as in previous years but the results of the various tests were frequently so conflicting that they were of little value in evaluating the purity of the product.

In 1947, there was a recrudescence of the pre-war complaints about the emission of grit from the industrial areas around the harbour and an intensive investigation of the source or sources was undertaken in conjunction with the Chief Inspector of Alkali Works under the Ministry of Health. The general conclusions arrived at were that the nuisance was due to a variety of causes which operated in varying proportions at different times and that under present conditions some pollution of the air is inevitable, but can be minimised by careful attention to detail in those processes in which coal in one form or another is consumed and should be reduced still further when new plant is available and better grade coal obtainable.

Hove Corporation Act, 1947.

The promotion of this private Act of Parliament gave an opportunity for securing more effective control in certain cases where our powers were either deficient or non-existent. The Clause permitting the compulsory removal of infirm or old persons unable to look after themselves in their own homes provided a solution of a very pressing problem at times, and the prohibition of persons suffering from advanced Tuberculosis from employment in connection with the cooking and preparation of food filled a gap in the legislation designed to prevent the spread of this disease. The registration of hawkers selling food from barrows and further measures against contamination in open shops were also included in other sections.

Housing.

The Housing Manager has kindly supplied me with information of the progress of the Housing Programme, the extent of the waiting list and the number of families rehoused during the year. 84 new Council Houses were completed and 272 families housed or rehoused in that period. The waiting list at December 31st totalled 1,800, half of which were classified as urgent. It is instructive to note that approximately one-fifth of the applications came from married couples with no children and a further two-fifths from those with only one child.

General Administration.

As in previous years I have to record my great indebtedness to all members of my staff in their several capacities from the highest to the lowest, for their conscientious work in a year when difficulties and frustrations were certainly no less than previously, and I should also like to thank the Chairman and members of the Committees for their continued support and understanding at all times.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

N. E. CHADWICK, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

July, 1948.

STATISTICS, 1947.

Area			(Acres) 4,1010¾
Resident Population (Mid-1947) ..			.. 66,980
Population, 1931 (Census)			.. 54,933
Rateable Value (31st Dec., 1947) ..			£1,081,378
Sum represented by a penny rate ..			.. £4,340
Births.		M.	F.
Legitimate	948	457	491
Illegitimate	74	37	37
Birth rate : 15.25.			
Deaths	1180	478	702
Death rate : 17.61.			

Deaths from Cancer, 180. Measles, Nil. Whooping Cough, 1. Diarrhoea (under 2), 10.

Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.		M.	F.
Legitimate	43	24	19
Illegitimate	7	4	3

Rate per 1,000 Live Births.

Legitimate	42.07
Illegitimate	94.6
Total	48.923

The Neo-Natal Mortality per 1,000 births : 23.45

Still Births.

Rate per 1,000 Population ..	0.253
Rate per 1,000 Births ..	16.63
Maternal Mortality Rate ..	*Nil*

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Infant Deaths, 1947.

Premature Births	10
Broncho-Pneumonia	13
Gastro Enteritis	8
Miscellaneous	19
..	—
Total	50

Deaths under one month .. 24, *i.e.*, 48%

Maternity Hospitals.

Normal Cases :

Portland Road Branch	47	admitted.
Buckingham Road Branch ..	130	,,
Southlands Hospital	266	,,

Abnormal Cases :

Buckingham Road	45	,,
Southlands Hospital	117	,,

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

There were no cases notified during 1947.

DOMESTIC AND HOME HELP SCHEME.

Number of Cases assisted	59 Home Help.
Number of Cases	29 Domestic Help.

3 Helps employed during 1947.

WELFARE CENTRES.

Population of the area served by the Council ..		66,980
Number of births notified in that area during the year, as adjusted by any transferred notifications ..		562
(a) By Midwives	250	
(b) By Doctors and Parents ..	312	
Still Births	8	

Health Visiting.

Number of Officers employed for Health Visiting at the end of the year :

By the Council 5

Number of visits paid during the year by all Health Visitors :

To Expectant Mothers	First Visits—264	Total— 331
To Children under 1 year	First Visits—1076	Total—4009
To Children between the ages of 1 and 5 years		Total Visits—4059

Infant Welfare Centres.

No. of Centres provided and maintained by the Council	2
No. of Centres provided and maintained by Voluntary Associations	*Nil*

Clarendon Villas Centre.

Total number of attendances during the year :

(a) Under 1 year	9422
(b) Over 1 year	4418
Individual children attending	1669

Number attending for the first time :

(a) Under 1 year	579
(b) Over 1 year	48

Number in attendance at the end of the year :

(a) Under 1 year	425
(b) Over 1 year	1185

Godwin Road Centre.

Total number of attendances during the year :	
(a) Under 1 year	3849
(b) Over 1 year	2800
Individual children attending	820
Number attending for the first time :	
(a) Under 1 year	232
(b) Over 1 year	27
Number in attendance at the end of the year :	
(a) Under 1 year	216
(b) Over 1 year	569

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

Number of foster-mothers on 31st December, 1947 .. 36

Visits by Health Visitors. ..	*Homes*	*Children seen*
January—March, 1947	73	125
April—June, 1947	22	52
July—September, 1947	49	116
October—December, 1947	56	128
	200	421

DAY NURSERIES.

57 Clarendon Villas and 12 Goldstone Villas.

Total attendances 17160

MIDWIVES.

The Inspector of Midwives, who is Dr. McEwan, made 6 inspections, received 60 notices of sending for Medical Help, 36 in respect of the Mother, and 24 of the Infant.

VACCINATION.

There were 813 Infants Vaccinated during 1947.

HOME NURSING.

128 Visits were made to cases of Tuberculosis by the Queen's Nurses and 23 to cases of Infectious Diseases. Total Visits—151.

REGISTRATION OF NURSING HOMES.

The number of nursing homes on the register on 31st December, 1947 was 51. During the year 6 homes were discontinued and 9 new homes were registered.

CONTRACEPTIVE CLINIC.

Attendance of Hove Cases during 1947 :

No. of new patients admitted	11
Total attendances	18

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY, 1947.

Specimens examined for :

Diphtheria.

From patients in Hove, primary swabs	144
From contacts of notified cases in Hove ..	207
From Diphtheria patients in Borough San. ..	6
From patients in Portslade, primary swabs ..	22

Tuberculosis.

From patients in Hove	100
From patients in Portslade	18

Tuberculosis Dispensary.

From patients in Hove (Sputum)	91
From patients in Portslade	22

Total number of specimens examined .. 610

TUBERCULOSIS.

	New Cases.				Deaths.				Cases on Register.				
	Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Pul.		Non-Pul.		Totals
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Under 1 ..									2	1	6	5	14
1— 5			1	1					2	3	7	6	18
5—10				2					1	6	4	1	12
10—15			2						12	6	4	3	25
15—20	5	2		1					18	13	5	7	43
20—25	2	5	1		2	2		1	41	40	5	7	93
25—35	10	11	1			2			38	27	2	10	77
35—45	8	7	1	2	3	1			43	26	1	3	73
45—65	7	3		2				1	4	6		5	15
Over 65 ..	3	2		2	2				9	5			14
Totals	35	30	6	10	7	5	—	2	170	133	34	47	384

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1947.
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Diphtheria	1	1	1
Scarlet Fever	31	14	—
Measles	251	2	—
Erysipelas	13	—	—
C. Spinal M.	1	1	—
Whooping Cough	77	1	—
Pneumonia	38	1	7
Puerperal P.	1	1	—
A. Poliomyelitis	5	5	1
Enceph. Leth.	1	—	—

SUMMARY OF HOVE PATIENTS TREATED AT THE V.D. CLINIC, BRIGHTON, IN THE YEAR 1947.

	Syphilis						Soft Sore Gonorrhoea.										Total	
	Primary		Secondary		Latent		Tertiary		Congenital		Acute		Chronic		Non V.D.			
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Cases admitted	8	3	2	3	2	—	3	1	2	1	21	8	—	1	47	33	85	50
Less transfers from other Centres	3	2	1	—	1	—	1	—	1	—	6	1	—	—	—	—	13	3
New Infections	5	1	1	3	1	—	2	1	1	1	15	7	—	1	47	33	72	47

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

IMMUNISATION IN RELATION TO CHILD POPULATION.

Number of Children who had completed a full course of Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1947.

Age at 31-12-47, *i.e.*, Born in Year	Under 1 1947	1 1946	2 1945	3 1944	4 1943	5 to 9 1938-42	10 to 14 1933-37	Total Under 15
Number Immunised ..	4	441	481	464	449	1670	959	4468
Estimated mid-year child population 1947 ..	Children under five 3970					Children 5—14 6210		10180

The number of children immunized during the year was 470.

There was one case of Diphtheria notified during the year. This child died and was not immunized.

SANATORIUM, 1947.

Disease.	*Admissions.*		
	Hove	*Outside*	*Total*
Scarlet Fever	14	30	44
Diphtheria	1	3	4
Measles	2	2	4
Septic Throat	3	1	4
Influenza	—	2	2
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis ..	1	—	1
Mumps	—	1	1
Whooping Cough	1	—	1
Pneumonia	1	—	1
Chicken Pox	2	—	2
A. Poliomyelitis	5	1	6
Miscellaneous	1	1	2
	31	41	72

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE DISTRICT.

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1947.

TOTAL number of Houses inspected (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	1063
TOTAL number of Revisits	1136
TOTAL number of Inspections made for the purpose ..	1824
Number of Houses inspected under the PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS	1063
Number of Inspections made for the purpose ..	1136
Number of Revisits	1824
Number of Houses inspected found satisfactory ..	224
Number of Houses inspected found with defects ..	839
Number of Informal Notices served	827
Number of Statutory Notices served	31
Number of Premises inspected (other than houses) from complaints of nuisances, etc.	76
Number of Inspections made for the purpose ..	76
Number of Revisits	71
Number of Premises inspected in which nuisances were found	30
Number of Informal Notices served	29
Number of Statutory Notices served	3
Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops.	
Number of Inspections of Cowsheds	19
Number of Inspections of Dairies	163
Number of Inspections of Milkshops	55
Food Retailers Premises.	
Number of Shops inspected in respect of Meat ..	537
Number of Shops where action taken under P.H. (Meat) Regs.	5
Number of Notices served. Informal	3
Number of Notices served. Statutory	*Nil*
Other Food Shops Inspected.	
Ice Cream	59
Fish	106
Grocery, Provisions, etc.	117
Cafes, Restaurants, Kitchens, etc.	194
Other Shops	81
Bakehouses	84
Number of Notices served under Public Health Acts.	
Informal	9
Statutory	*Nil*
Shops Act, 1934.	
Number of Shops inspected	292
Number of Notices served. Informal	12
Statutory	*Nil*

Hawkers' Barrows.

Number of Hawkers' Barrows inspected	18

Stables.

Number of Stables inspected	80
Number of Notices served. Informal	3
Statutory	*Nil*

Vermin (Bugs).

Number of visits regarding verminous premises ..	71
Number of visits for disinfestation of rooms ..	24
Number of rooms treated for vermin	63

Drains.

Number of drains completely renewed	2
Number of drains partly repaired	49
Number of visits during reconstruction or repair ..	219

Illness.

Number of visits in respect of Illness. Infectious ..	45
Non-Infectious ..	5

Miscellaneous.

Number of Sundry visits	734
Number of Visits respecting Council House Applications	13
Number of Visits respecting Unsound Food ..	443

Table of Defects.

Number of soil and vent pipes, W.C's, sinks and waste pipies	177
Number of gutters and rain water pipes	153
Number of rooms, passages and staircases requiring cleansing	188
Number of structural defects to walls, floors, ceilings, doors, windows, grates, stairs and handrails ..	417
Number of roofs, chimneys, yard paving, steps and areas	252
Number of dustbins, ashpits	95
Number of cases of dampness	274
Number of accumulations of manure, refuse, etc. ..	36
Number of animal nuisances	4
Number of insufficient sanitary accommodation ..	6
Number of shops with lack of washing accommodation	1
Number of defective water supply	18
Number of choked drains	107
Number of bakehouses limewashed	18

HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1947.

Number of new houses erected during the year :	
(a) Total	141
(b) With State assistance under Housing Acts— By Local Authority	71
Additional dwellings by conversion into flats ..	312
In the old parish of Hove	173
In the old parish of Aldrington	54
In the parish of Preston Rural	15

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	M/c Line No.	Number on Register	Number of		
			Inspections	Written notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(i) Factories in which Sects. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ..	1	140	126	2	*Nil*
(ii) Factories not included in (i) to which Sect. 7 applies *a.* Subject to Local Authorities (Transfer of Enforcements) Order 1938 ..	2				
b. Others	3	117	48	3	*Nil*
(iii) Other Premises under the Act (excluding out-workers' premises)	4	87	23	1	*Nil*
TOTAL		344	197	6	*Nil*

CASES IN WHICH **DEFECTS** WERE FOUND.

Particulars	M/c Line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
		Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ..	5	1			1	
Overcrowding	6	1				
Unreasonable temperature ..	7	—				
Inadequate ventilation ..	8	8			1	
Ineffective drainage of floors ..	9	4				
Sanitary Conveniences (a) insufficient	10	—				
(b) unsuitable or defective	11	3			2	
(c) not separate for sexes ..	12	1				
Other offences (not including offences relating to Homework)	13	—				
TOTAL		18			4	

OUTWORKERS.

Sections 110 and 111.

Nature of Work	M/c Line No.	Section 110			Section 111		
		No. of outworkers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecutions
Wearing Apparel, Making, etc. ..	14	78	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*
Curtains and Furniture Hanging	18	6	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*
Furniture and Upholstery	19	1	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*
TOTAL		85	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*	*Nil*

FOOD AND DRUGS (ADULTERATION) ACT, 1928.

New Milk	53	11 Adulterated.
Butter	8	
Margarine	8	
Cooking Fats	8	
Vinegar	12	1 Adulterated.
Ice Cream	25	
Sausages	8	1 Adulterated.
Total	122	

ADULTERATED SAMPLES.

No. 67	Non-brewed Vinegar ..	Deficient 78% Acetic Acid.
No. 131	Milk	Deficient in Fat 1.6%
No. 132	Milk	Deficient in Fat 6.6%
No. 136	Milk	Deficient in Fat 7.3%, Solids not Fat 1.2%
No. 137	Milk	Deficient in Fat 16%
No. 139	Milk	Deficient in Fat 3.3%
No. 141	Milk	Deficient in Fat 14%, Solids not Fat 4.3%, Added water 7.5%
No. 142	Milk	Deficient in Fat 3.3%, Added water 1.1%
No. 144	Milk	Deficient in Fat 10.6%, Solids not Fat 8%, Added water 9.2%
No. 145	Milk	Deficient in Solids not Fat 1.1%, Added water 2.6%
No. 205	Milk	Deficient in Solids not Fat 2.8%, Added water at least 0.9%
No. 243	Milk	Deficient in Solids not Fat 0.9%, Freezing point could be that of genuine milk.
No. 333	Beef Sausages ..	Meat content 36.8%, Lower than 50% by 13.2%

RATS.

The Rat-catcher made 1657 visits during the year under review and caught 594 rats.

SALE OF MILK UNDER SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS.

Licences under the Special Designations Order were granted :

For the sale of Tuberculin Tested Milk	31
Supplementary Licence for sale of T.T. Milk ..	1
For bottling Tuberculin Tested Milk	2
For the sale of Pasteurised Milk	17
Licence to Pasteurise Milk	1

SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE YEAR 1947.

Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk	109
Tuberculin Tested Milk	53
Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised) Milk	4
Samples of Tuberculin Tested Milk taken for Ministry of Health	12
Pasteurised Milk	52
Heat Treated Milk	1

The following samples did not comply with prescribed conditions :

Tuberculin Tested (Certified) Milk	38
Tuberculin Tested Milk	19
Pasteurised Milk	15

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF THE TOWN WATER SUPPLY.

The organisms per ml. which grew on nutrient Agar in 3 days at room temperature under aerobic conditions and were then visible to the naked eye as colonies numbered :

March	65
May	4
June	14
December	2

On Agar at blood temperature and under aerobic conditions colonies were noticed after 2 days incubation :

May	0
June	0
December	0

Examination for organisms of the Coli Group :

March	Neg. in 100ml.
May	Neg. in 100ml.
June	Neg. in 100ml.
December	Neg. in 100ml.

In addition to the above 1 sample was taken at the Borough Isolation Hospital for Bacteriological examination and was satisfactorily reported on.